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1. BELGRADE'S SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER BORBA JUN 16
CARRIES BITTER EDITORIAL COMMENT BY VLADO TESLIC, STAFF
EDITORIAL WRITER.

2. QUOTE THE HEAVILY ARMED ATTACK ON THE SFRY MISSION TO
THE U.N. IN NEW YORK AND THE WOUNDING OF JANITOR RADOMIR
MEDIC IS ONLY ONE OF THE SERIOUS CRIMES AGAINST OUR COUNTRY
ON U.S. SOIL IN PARTICULAR. THE UNSOLVED ISSUE OF SECURITY
FOR YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THAT COUNTRY
DEMANDS THE MOST ENERGETIC, FAST AND CONCRETE MEASURES
OF CONTINUING EFFECT BY ALL THE RESPONSIBLE U.S. FACTORS.

3. SUCH MEASURES ARE USUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND ARE CLEARLY
DEFINED BY NORMS AND LEGISLATION IN THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

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DICTATED IN PARTICULAR BY CIRCUMSTANCES
CONCERNING THE SYSTEMATIC TERRORIST ACTIVITY AIMED
AT OUR COUNTRY AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.S.
SOIL. THERE IS NO NEED TO EMPHASIZE HOW MUCH SUCH
ACTIVITY IS AT VARIANCE WITH THE STATED U.S.
POLICY TOWARD OUR COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

4. OUR PUBLIC IS MOVED AND EMBITTERED BECAUSE OF THE LATEST CRIME AND BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN WHICH IT TOOK PLACE, RESPECTIVELY BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH AN IMPERTINENT PROVOCATION. WE WERE SURPRISED EARLIER HOW IT COULD BE POSSIBLE IN A COUNTRY WITH SAPH ORGANIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURE PUBLIC ORDER. TODAY WE WONDER BY WHOM, HOW, WHY AND IN WHOSE INTEREST SUCH ORGANIZED TERRORIST ACTIVITY IS STIMULATED. THE CRIME IN NEW YORK IS DIRECTED ALSO AGAINST THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE AND ALL IT REPRESENTS TODAY IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE AND IN THE FUTURE STRENGTHENING OF THE POLICY OF DETENTE, COOPERATION AND SECURITY BASED ON NEWPRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM AND RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE.

5. THE FACIST TERRORISTS WANTED IN PARTICULAR TO DISTURB BY MEANS OF THEIR BULLETS AND LEAFLETS THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF SFRY-U.S. RELATIONS--RELATIONS OF CONFIDENCE , RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING. THIS WAS AN ATTACK ALSO ON THE SUCCESSFUL VISIT BY VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE TO OUR COUNTRY AND HIS ASSURANCES THAT THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION ATTRIBUTED SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE INTEGRITY, INDEPENDENCE AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA.

6. THE CRIME IN NEW YORK IS ALL THE MORE ABOMINABLE BECAUSE BEHIND IT ARE THE WELL-KNOWN GANGS THAT NOT ONLY STRUT AROUND PUBLICLY WITH THEIR TERRORIST UNCLASSIFIED

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PROFESSION, BUT ALSO WITH IDEOLOGIES FROM THE DARKEST FASCIST FORCES OF THE WORLD WAR TWO.

7. IT IS A STRIKING FACT THAT NOT ONE OF THESE NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS HAS EVER BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED, LET ALONE SENTENCED FOR NUMEROUS ATTACKS ON MISSIONS OF SFRY IN THE U.S. AND U.N. THE U.S. POLICE ARE, HOWEVER, RATHER EFFICIENT WHEN THESE CRIMINALS DAMAGE U.S. PROPERTY OR INJURE THE INTEGRITY OF A U.S. CITIZEN.

8. THE DEMOCRATICAL U.S. PUBLIC, HAVING ITS OWN BRIGHT TRADITIONS, CAN DO A LOT FOR THE CONTROL OF TERRORISM WHICH IN THE FIRST PLACE HARMS AMERICA'S REPUTATION. THE COMPLEXITY OF INTERNAL U.S. RELATIONS CERTAINLY IS NOT SUFFICIENT REASON THAT ALL THE RESPONSIBLE AND DEMOCRATIC FACTORS THAT ARE VERY PREDOMINANT, DO NOT MAKE AN END FOREVER TO ANY TERRORIST ACTIVITY. WHEN IT IS AIMED AT YUGOSLAVIA, THEN IT IS OUR DEMAND ORIGINATING FROM OUR NATURAL CONCERN FOR THE INTEGRITY

OF OUR CITIZENS AND FROM THE WISH TO PROMOTE RELATIONS
WITH THE U.S. WE ARE TOGETHER OBLIGED TO DO SO BY
ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FREEDOMS REALIZED IN THE COMMON FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM.
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